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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Pia M. CHALLITA-EID et al.

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Art Unit: 1643

For: NUCLEIC ACID AND CORRESPONDING  
PROTEIN ENTITLED 121P1F1 USEFUL IN  
TREATMENT AND DETECTION OF  
CANCER

Examiner: D. Blanchard

### RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 3, 2005 (Paper No. 20050722), for which a response was due on November 3, 2005. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response, moving the due date to Saturday, December 3, 2005, which due date moves to the next business day, Monday, December 5, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.